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SUBJECT: EGYPTIAN PRESS COVERAGE OF SADAT TRIP TO ARABIAN PENINSULA

1. LOCAL PRESS FEBRUARY 23 STATES IN BANNER HEADLINES THAT "IMPORTANT AGREEMENT" HAS BEEN REACHED BETWEEN PRESIDENT SADAT AND KING KHALID DURING DISCUSSIONS IN RIYADH, BUT NO DETAILS ARE GIVEN EXCEPT COMMENT THAT DETAILS TO BE WORKED OUT PRIOR TO FINAL COMMUNIQUE ON FEBRUARY 26.

2. ALL DAILIE REPORTED DECISION BY SADAT TO INCLUDE BRIEF STOPOVER IN OMAN AND MEETING WITH SULTAN QABUS AFTER DEPARTURE FROM SAUDI ARABIA AND PRIOR TO OVERNIGHT IN ABU DHABI.

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3. DILIES ALSO REPORTED THAT PRIMIN SALIM TO DEPART

RIYADH FOR CAIRO FEBRUARY 23 AND SCHEDULED TO REJOIN
SADAT FEBRUARY 26 AND TO ACCOMPANY PRESIDENT DURING HIS
TRIP TO GULF STATES. AKHBAR COMMENTED THAT SALIM NOT
NEEDED DURING SADAT VISIT TO SAUDI COUNTRYSIDE ALTHOUGH
THERE SOME SPECULATION THAT TRIP TO INTERIOR MAY BE
CANCELLED DUE TO RECENT HEAVY RAINS.

4. COMMENT: EGYPTIAN PRESS COVERAGE OF SADAT TRIP TO
SAUDI ARABIA VERY SPLASHY, COMPLETE WITH FRONT-PAGE
BANNER HEADLINES, PHOTOS OF MOTORCADES AND MEETINGS WITH
KING KHALED. HOWEVER, DESPITE UP-BEAT TONES OF ARTICLES
AND EDITORIAL COMMENTARY EXTOLLING STRENGTHENED
ARAB SOLIDARITY, ALMOST NO DETAILS EMERGE FROM PRESS
COVERAGE CONCERNING SUBSTANCE OF SAUDI-EGYPTIAN DISCUSSIONS.
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